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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT

1. TEXT OF SECTION ON ROMANIA IN SECRETARY'S 1972  
FOREIGN POLICY REPORT SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE APRIL 19  
FOLLOWS IN FULL.

QUOTE. U. S.- ROMANIAN RELATIONS WERE FURTHER STRENGTHENED  
IN JULY BY THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO BUCHAREST, DURING  
WHICH THE FIRST CONSULAR CONVENTION BETWEEN ROMANIA  
AND THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1881 WAS SIGNED. THIS CON-  
VENTION WILL PROMOTE THE GROWTH OF NORMAL TRAVEL AND  
COMMERCIAL CONTACTS AND WILL PROVIDE A SOUND BASIS FOR  
THE PROTECTION OF THE INTERESTS OF U. S. CITIZENS IN  
ROMANIA. THE REMOVAL OF CLOSED- AREA TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS  
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ON ROMANIAN OFFICIALS IN THE UNITED STATES WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED, RECIPROCATING SIMILAR ACTION TAKEN EARLIER BY THE ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES WITH RESPECT TO U. S. OFFICIALS. TO FACILITATE INCREASED COMMERCE, THE TIME REQUIRED FOR ADVANCE REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF ROMANIAN SHIPS AND CREWS INTO U. S. PORTS WAS REDUCED FROM 14 TO 7 DAYS.

DURING HIS BUCHAREST VISIT SECRETARY ROGERS TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM AMERICAN INTEREST IN THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE. HE STATED

THAT " WE ALSO SHARE A BASIC CONVICTION THAT ALL COUNTRIES - WHATEVER THEIR SIZE OR THEIR LOCATION, AND WHETHER THEY ARE IN THE SAME OR DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS - ARE EQUALLY SOVEREIGN AND EQUALLY INDEPENDENT, AND HAVE AN EQUAL RIGHT TO RUN THEIR OWN AFFAIRS FREE OF OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE."

OTHER EVENTS ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO CLOSER RELATIONS DURING THE YEAR. IN SEPTEMBER A DELEGATION OF ROMANIAN OFFICIALS, LED BY THE MAYOR OF BUCHAREST, VISITED THE UNITED STATES AND WAS RECEIVED BY GOVERNORS LOVE OF COLORADO, MANDEL OF MARYLAND, AND ROCKEFELLER OF NEW YORK. IN OCTOBER A ROMANIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU, WHO SHORTLY THEREAFTER WAS NAMED FOREIGN MINISTER, CONSULTED IN WASHINGTON ON THE PREPARATORY TALKS FOR A CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE ( CSCE). CONGRESSMAN WAGGONER SERVED AS PRESIDENT NIXON' S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AT THE BUCHAREST FAIR, WHICH FEATURED A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL USIA EXHIBIT ON EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY. A MAJOR U. S.-ROMANIAN SPORTS EVENT, THE FINAL- ROUND MATCH OF THE 1972 DAVIS CUP COMPETITION, TOOK PLACE IN BUCHAREST IN OCTOBER.

IN DECEMBER WE CONCLUDED WITH ROMANIA THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN THE HISTORY OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING FOR THE EXPANSION OF EXTENSIVE ONGOING EXCHANGES, THE AGREEMENT INCLUDES NEW PROVISIONS FOR EDUCATION SEMINARS; THE EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS OF UNLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VERSITY OFFICIALS; GOVERNMENT, SOCIAL, PROFESSIONAL ,

AND CIVIC EXCHANGES; AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM.

WE CONTINUED TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO PERMIT ROMANIAN EXPORTS TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES AT THE NORMAL MOST-FAVORED- NATION RATES; WE HOPE FOR PASSAGE IN 1973. PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDER WAY ON A CONVENTION TO AVOID DOUBLE- TAXATION OF INCOME, WHICH WILL HELP PROMOTE JOINT VENTURES AND OTHER INVESTMENT. THE UNITED STATES HAS WELCOMED THE ROMANIAN ACCESSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND AND THE WORLD BANK. U. S.- ROMANIAN TRADE TURNOVER IN 1972 TOTALED \$100 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$66 MILLION IN 1971 AND \$22 MILLION IN 1968. UNQUOTE.

2. TEXTS OR SUMMARIES OF REGIONAL SECTIONS OF REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY. ROGERS

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